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West German Hostage Update - 8 July 1987

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Hammadi Charged with Murder and Air Piracy

West German public prosecutors in Hesse,

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have added the charges of murder and air piracy to the explosives charge already pending against accused TWA 847 hijacker Mohammad Ali Hammadi, according to press reports. No new indication was reported regarding the timeframe for the investigation and prosecution of the new charges.

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an interview with a West German newspaper, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati pledged his country's assistance in securing the West German hostages' release. In exchange, Tehran wants Bonn to expel Iranian dissidents and to be more respectful of Iranian sensitivities--a reference to a West German television satire last February which showed Iranian leader Khomeini being showered with women's underwear.

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